

Chicago Housing Authority
Board of Commissioners Public Session
Meeting of November 18, 2003
ABLA – William Jones Apartments, 1447 S. Ashland, Chicago, IL
Response to Public Comment

	Residents Name/Property/	COMPLAINT	REFERRED TO	Status
1.	Latresha Green	RE: Scattered Site West properties When will the Capital Construction program begin? Will Capital Construction provide the scope of work on units scheduled to be rehabbed? Will residents be hired under Section 3 program?		These questions were referred to Darnetta Tyus, Senior Advisor to the Board of Commissioners. Several meetings have been scheduled to resolve these issues.
2.	Francine Washington	Requested support of staff and public for Windows of Opportunity fundraiser scheduled for December 10, 2003.		Comments noted
3.	Delores Fitzpatrick	The name of the Ida B. Wells development will be changed and residents had no input. Requesting reconsideration of name change.		The new name of the mixed-income community to be built on the Wells site was chosen by the Working Group, which includes a tenant's representative. The Working Group also makes other major decisions that shape plans for a new mixed-income community, such as the choice of a developer and the general design of the site. The Working Group includes representatives from the CHA, the City of Chicago, the developer, Habitat Co. and others.
4.	Joseph Watkins	Residents who are hired by contractors are only working 3 days a week and are being paid with Money Orders, resulting in residents being unable to file income tax.		This issue is under review internally, and staff will contact Mr. Watkins. Contractors who hire residents under the Section 3 Program are required to document payment through payroll records, which are submitted to the CHA for verification of compliance.

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5.	Janis Stanton	<p>A) Can long term employment for residents be addressed?</p> <p>B) Who selected Community Builders as redevelopment team and why didn't residents have input in selection?</p>		<p>A) The CHA promotes job opportunities for public housing residents through several resources. More than 3,000 residents have been placed in jobs through the collective efforts of the CHA Service Connector and the City of Chicago.</p> <p>In addition, residents are placed in jobs with CHA contractors through the Section 3 Program. Residents applying to this program are divided into three priority groups. First preference is awarded to lease-compliant residents living at locations where contractors are stationed. Second preference is granted to lease-compliant residents living at sites neighboring the location where a contractor is stationed. If no applicant in either of these two groups demonstrates adequate qualifications for a job, preference is then extended to low-income earners living in the City of Chicago.</p> <p>B) The selection of Community Builders, a firm handling redevelopment of the Madden-Wells redevelopment, was approved by the CHA Board of Commissioners after the Working Group made an advisory recommendation.</p>
6.	Devera Beverly	Acknowledged staff for continued support.		Comments noted.
7.	Ms. Wiggins	On behalf of CAC presented Darnetta with birthday bouquet.		Comments noted.